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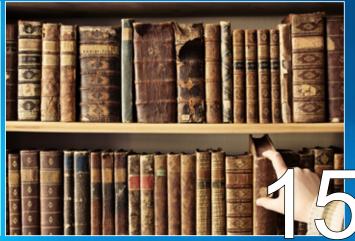
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recent Gallup poll found a majority of Americans (54%) rate "the overall state of moral values in this country today" as poor, the highest in the 22 years Gallup has been polling the question.

It's not hard to see why so many are less than optimistic today about the moral direction of this once-great nation. To make matters worse, the Supreme Court possibly placed the final nail in the coffin when they legalized homosexual (sodomite) marriage in all 50 states.

We now have courts legislating morality. Amazingly, what the Supreme Court defines as marriage, the Supreme Creator defines as an abomination, "Thou shalt not lie with man-kind, as with woman-kind: it is abomination," Leviticus 18:22. This word "abomination" comes from the Hebrew tow'ebah and refers to "something disgusting (morally), i.e., an abhorrence," Strong's Concordance Hebrew Dictionary.

Clearly this ruling is the most radical shift in the last 30 years in this nation and perhaps second only to the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion. When we as a country warp the meaning of marriage, we redefine the very foundation of society – the family – and push Yahweh out as the One who created marriage and family. Marriage, "holy matrimony," is exclusively a biblical institution between a man and a woman and no one has any business altering it.

From Faith to Bondage

Alexander Fraser Tytler lived from 1747 to 1813. He was a Scottish advocate, judge, writer, and historian who served as Professor of Universal History, and Greek and Roman Antiquities at the University of Edinburgh.

As a historian he understood governments. He stated this about democracies, "A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always

followed by a dictatorship."

Does this sound familiar with our nation? This is in fact the strategy of most politicians today. Our current national debt is over \$33 trillion as we continue to increase government spending and programs. Shockingly, much of the populace supports this out-of-control spending so long as it benefits them. According to many economists, this fiscal trend is unsustainable; at some point we're going to hit rock bottom, as we saw years ago in Greece.

Tytler is credited with the following observation: "The average age of the world's greatest civilisations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back into bondage."

This man had incredible insight into the rise and fall of nations. Where do you suppose America falls in this progression? Based on current trends, many would agree we are somewhere between apathy and dependence.

The majority of the people in America are indifferent to what's occurring, and more than half are now dependent in some way on government welfare. According to Tytler's theory, bondage follows dependence.

It's not difficult to see that the policies of our current government are increasingly more oppressive. As time goes on, those who openly speak out against certain sins, including sodomite marriage, will likely face retribution.

As believers, it's important that we follow the Word of our Heavenly Father above all else. As we find in Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, we look to a greater kingdom, one not ruled by the opinions and ever-changing morality of man, but by our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah.

Who's to Blame?

As much as we would like to blame our politicians for the monstrous straits we're in, the majority of blame belongs elsewhere. Before we pinpoint where, consider the following quotation from Alexis de Tocqueville. He was a French political thinker and historian who lived between 1805 and 1859.

He wrote in *Democracy in America*, "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers – and it was not there ...in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there...in her rich mines and her vast world commerce – and it was not there...in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution - and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

What an amazing observation! This man realized that the greatness of America was to be found in its faith and the teaching of our Father's Word and not in its riches or political structure.

Back in the day, most ministers understood and taught biblical morality. They understood principles like sin, repentance, and the virtue of living a righteous life. Where do we hear these same concerns from the pulpits today? Sadly, we don't. Many are too busy competing for cash and numbers; they're too concerned with fitting in with the trends of this world and putting a Starbucks in their own vestibules.

The blame for the state of our union is placed at the feet of the ministers in this nation. Many have abandoned morality and biblical principles for numbers and greed; in doing so they've allowed the culture to fall, possibly beyond the point of return.

Ignorance Isn't Bliss

The Apostle Peter tells us that this rebellion is not because of ignorance, but choice. He says, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of Elohim the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water," 2Peter 3:3-5.

- When will this occur? Peter attests that it's reserved for the last days. If we're not in those days, we're likely very close. He confirms that we're going to see scoffers. This is from the Greek *empaiktes* and refers to "a derider, i.e. (by implication) a false teacher" (*Strong's* Greek Dictionary).
- Describing many in our culture, he goes on to say that these scoffers will walk after their own lusts. They'd rather do it their way instead of Yahweh's way; doing it their way allows them to pursue selfish wants unhindered by our Father's Word.

We also see that these scoffers will question the return of Yahshua the Messiah,

Connect – Learn – Support... Over 36,000 downloads and counting YRM Mobile on the App Store & Google Play asking, where is His coming? How many in this nation really believe in the return or Second Coming of our Savior? According to a 2013 poll by the Pew Research Center, only 47 percent of Christians believe that the Messiah will "definitely" return. Even more alarming is the fact that 52 percent of Christians say either that He will not return or are unsure of it.

Peter closes this passage by saying these scoffers "willingly are ignorant." This phrase comes from the Greek and refers to those who choose it or prefer not to know the truth. How many do you know who simply choose to ignore what they know to be right? Deep down most people know that what we are seeing in our world is very wrong but they choose to look the other way.

And the Cycle Continues

Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes verified that events have a way of repeating themselves. Even though much of the prophecies in Isaiah are directed at Judah, it's almost as if these same passages were written for America.

It's true that many prophecies in the Word are dual in nature. We find one such in the first chapter of Isaiah: "The ox knoweth his owner, and the donkey his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken Yahweh, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward...Hear the word of Yahweh, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our Elohim, ye people of Gomorrah...And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood," Isaiah 1:3-4, 10, 15.

Here Isaiah describes the nation of Judah before its fall to the Babylonians. Does any of this sound familiar? As a people, we too have forgotten our Heavenly Father. There's no better

proof of this than the decision by the Supreme Court to change the definition of marriage.

It's ironic that Isaiah compares Judah to Sodom and Gomorrah. As time goes on, we too are looking increasingly more like these deplorable cities. Sadly, there are many people, including some who claim to believe in the Bible, who try to justify homosexuality or sodomy. These people are "willingly ignorant."

Even though Judah was guilty of horrible sin, Yahweh still gave her a chance to repent (see v. 18). We know historically that Judah never accepted this offer and as a result was taken captive by the Babylonians. As a nation,

Yahweh created marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman. Anything outside of this is against what He established in the beginning at creation.

will we either repeat Judah's mistake or find it within ourselves to humbly repent and turn back to our Heavenly Father?

Consider the level of change this type of action would require. Political correctness would need to be thrown out. Sins like abortion and homosexuality could not be culturally accepted. The biblical family union would need to be restored. Without some sort of divine awakening the chances of all this happening are slim to none.

As believers it's important that we never lose hope, if not for us, for our children and their children after them.

What happens when a nation becomes incorrigible in her sin? As Isaiah prophesied, Yahweh will not hear their prayers. Sin matters. Sin has consequences. When we refuse to

honor and acknowledge our Heavenly Father, He in turn will refuse to bless and acknowledge us. If we're going to reap His blessings we must be willing to follow Him.

Woe to the Wicked

In Isaiah 3:8-12 the son of Amoz prophesied that Judah would have no remorse for her sin. "For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against Yahweh, to provoke the eyes of his glory. The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. Say ve to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

Just as Judah did many years ago, we as a culture parade our sins. There's nothing more abhorrent than sodomite parades and other displays of public immorality. The people who partake in these grotesque events are proud of their sin and publicly vaunt it.

As Isaiah says, "Woe unto the wicked." Those who engage in this behavior not only harm themselves, but society as well.

Tragically the family ultimately suffers in immoral situations. As Isaiah prophesies, children are their oppressors and women rule over them. Many families are in disarray today because of couples living together out of wedlock: a divorce rate at 50 percent, single parent homes with multiple children; and kids killing kids.

Many of these problems are the result of absentee fathers and diminishing of his purpose and function.

In today's culture it's common for the father to be viewed as nothing more than a buffoon incapable of leading his family.

Yahweh Almighty signifies fathers as the head of the family. Fathers bring strength and stability to the family. When the father is absent his significance is weakened and families suffer. As we learn from wise Solomon, there's nothing new under the sun; what has been will be again.

As Isaiah prophesied in the 5th chapter, people no longer understand biblical morality. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter," verse 20.

Do we see in our nation where good is considered bad and bad is considered good? A person who speaks against fornication is ridiculed as old-fashioned and narrow-minded. A person who speaks against homosexuality is considered intolerant and hateful. A person who speaks out against abortion is judged anti-women and not compassionate. A person who speaks out against radical Islam is called racist and an Islamophobe.

What we read in Isaiah is happening right now in this nation. Many today don't know the difference between right and wrong, moral and immoral. The belief in absolute morality has all but vanished.

The Reprobate Mind

What is the cause of such twisted understanding? Paul in the first chapter of Romans explains why this is and its relation to homosexuality.

"For this cause Elohim gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain Elohim in their knowledge,

Elohim gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...knowing the judgment of Elohim, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them," vv. 26-28, 32.

How can anyone read this passage and still justify same-gender unions? Whether it's men with men or women with women, Paul defines their behavior as vile and against nature. Our Heavenly Father created marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman. Anything outside of this is against what He established in the beginning at creation.

To understand the depth of our Father's disgust for homosexuality, consider the meaning of the word "vile." It comes from the Greek *atimia* and means, "disgrace." *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* defines this word as, "dishonor and ignominy."

The Bible condemns homosexuality as an abomination. It's one of the worst sins a nation can allow and now ours, too, accepts this debauchery. How is it possible that we as nation have strayed so far from our Father's Word?

No culture in history has ever sanctioned homosexual marriage. It exceeds all bounds of morality to put us in the twilight zone. Most people are simply oblivious to the consequences this nation will soon suffer because of this sin and others like it.

Paul says that when we refuse to acknowledge Yahweh that he will give us up to a reprobate mind. The word "reprobate" comes from the Greek *adokimos* and means, "unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally)," *Strong's*.

Similarly, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words* states, "...(a) of things, Heb 6:8, 'rejected,' of land that bears thorns and thistles; (b) of persons, Rom. 1:28, of a 'reprobate mind,' a mind of which [Yahweh] cannot approve, and which must be rejected by Him, the effect of

YAHWEH'S LAW IS A LINE OF DEMARCATION THAT SEPARATES TRUTH FROM EVERYTHING ELSE

The law defines Yahweh and His nature

The law is the code of ethics Yahweh Himself lives by

The law establishes True Worship

The law establishes sound doctrine

The law identifies Yahweh's people when they observe it

The law reveals the salvation plan through the pathway revealed by the Feasts

The law points the way to salvation for the faithful

The law defines how Yahweh will judge the individual and the world

His laws control the world; conforming to them gives protection physically and spiritually

Without the law total chaos would reign and the world would self-destruct

refusing 'to have [Elohim] in their knowledge'... in 2Timothy 3:8 of those 'reprobate concerning the faith,' i.e., men whose moral sense is perverted and whose minds are beclouded with their own speculations; in Titus 1:16, of the defiled, who are 'unto every good work reprobate,' i.e., if they are put to the test in regard to any good work (in contrast to their profession)."

"Reprobate" refers to a person who's been rejected and unapproved because of sin and perversion. Even though Paul wrote Romans in reference to what was happening in his own day, it's also prophetic of ours. All that we find in this epistle is happening now.

Is Repentance Possible?

Considering the state of our union and everything that's occurring, is it possible for this nation to repent? Absolutely.

We find a promise in 1Kings 8:33: "When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto

their fathers."

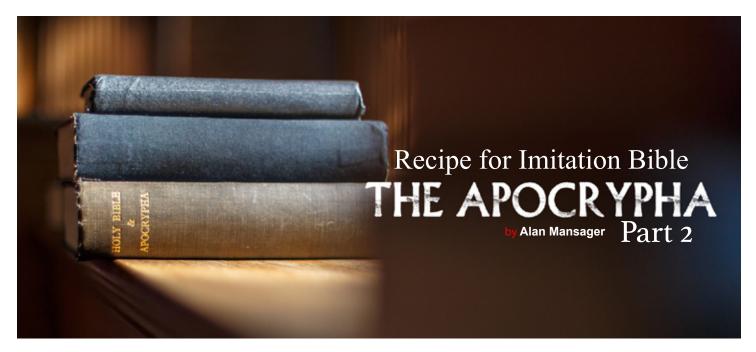
If we as a nation would fall down and deeply repent, our Heavenly Father would heal the land. Understand, though, that repentance is not merely a verbal confession of our remorse. It's a complete forsaking of our sin and a return to Yahweh.

If the populace of this nation would sincerely repent and change their ways, we would see a change like never before. For this to happen, though, we would need to fall down in sackcloth and ashes and realize how we have rebelled against Yahweh.

If this doesn't occur, what are we as believers to do? We are to hold firm and make our own election sure. For some, there will be persecution and for others there will be protection. There are many examples in the Bible and throughout history where good people had to suffer.

As Yahweh told Joshua, though, as believers we must obey Him and be of good courage. We must never back down, we must never compromise what we know to be right; and we must never forsake the One we worship.

Yahshua the Messiah said that if we lose our life for His sake, we would find it. It's essential to know that no matter what happens in this life, we have a greater life to come.



he best proof for the truth of the Bible is Yahshua's testimony to the soundness of the Old Testament canon.

In Luke 24:25 and 27 Yahshua said, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!...And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." All the Scriptures say about Yahshua is true.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44).

This is a reference to the threefold division of Old Testament Scriptures. They constitute all that the prophets said and no more. There is no reference here to include the Apocrypha. It would not have been part of the threefold division of the Old Testament.

The fact that the Apocrypha is not considered to be Holy Scripture does not mean it is entirely useless. A few books have some value. For example, the Book of 1st Maccabees has some valuable historical references about the period between the testaments.

However, any value these books have are as historical works – not as divinely inspired words.

Apocryphal Contradictions

A big reason apocryphal books are not accepted as inspired Scripture is how they at times contradict themselves and Scripture. The books of Maccabees contradict each other as well.

There are many contradictions and absurdities in the additions to Esther and Daniel. Baruch says that in the fifth year after the destruction of Jerusalem, he read his book to Jeconiah and to all the people of Babylon; but Jeconiah was in prison and Baruch had been taken away to Egypt after the death of Gedaliah (Jer. 43:7). He mentions an altar of Yahweh (Bar. 1:10) when there was none, the temple having been destroyed.

Testimony within the books themselves shows self-contradiction, chronological inaccuracies, characters that are fables, and conflicts with the Holy Scriptures.

Some of the narratives have fanciful and exaggerated descriptions that generally seem out-of-sync with the biblical tradition: Abraham conversing with death personified, Jacob's sons utilizing superpowers to conquer Canaan, Solomon binding demons to build the Temple, Isaiah flying through and describing each level of heaven, and so forth.

The books of the Apocrypha also should not be considered Holy Scripture because they do not give any evidence as being authoritative. Protestants deny the canonical status of these books on the basis of both internal and external evidence. This evidence includes the following:

First, the Apocrypha contains doctrines and practices that contradict what has been previously revealed in Scripture. Add to this that the Apocrypha is never cited in the New Testament as Holy Scripture. This is in contrast to the canonical (authorized) books – almost all of which are cited.

Yahshua quoted from 24 Old Testament books, His apostles quoted the Old Testament 209 times. Matthew itself has 60 references to the Old Testament. The New Testament directly quotes the Old Testament 263 times,

The Apocrypha was not on any early list of Christian books considered Scripture. While a few "church fathers" quoted them as authoritative, most did not. In addition, none of those who cited the Apocrypha as authoritative Scripture allegedly knew any Hebrew.

There is also the problem with the exact content of the Apocrypha. Not everyone can agree on which books are authoritative.

Augustine, while a great thinker, did not read Hebrew and knew very little Greek. Jerome, a true Hebrew scholar, rejected the books outright.

Even many Roman Catholic scholars, up to the time of the Protestant Reformation, rejected the Apocrypha as Scripture.

While some Protestants make some use of the Apocrypha, it has always been rejected as Scripture.

Yahweh's Word is error-free. Furthermore there is no evidence in these books of divine authority. Fulfilled prophecy is lacking. Add to this the absence within the books attesting to Yahweh's authority.

There are even more good reasons not to consider these texts equal to Scripture:

- First, they are scarcely, if ever, quoted in the protocanonical books (Old Testament books), and the handful of possible quotations and allusions are highly controversial.
- Second, the Old Testament apocryphal texts appear to have been written much later than the 39 protocanonical books (and in Greek rather than Hebrew).
- Likewise, the apocryphal New Testament texts and Apostolic Fathers are generally thought to have been written decades, even many decades, after the 27 books of the New Testament.
- Apocryphal manuscripts are scarcer and show much greater historical redaction than the protocanonical books.

Having read a variety of Apocrypha, I find nothing worthwhile that adds to our faith, and little to nothing substantial added to our knowledge of Yahweh or Yahshua or the plan of salvation. I do not see any further revelation in them but just repetition of what is already revealed

in the Word.

With all the attempts to imitate the Bible, the holy inspiration of Scripture is borne out time after time. With each archaeological discovery, the Bible and its authenticity stand solid.

The Psalmist David wrote, "The statutes of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether," Psalm 19:8 and 9.

Henry Halley, in *Halley's Bible Handbook*, sums up the Bible's veracity: "If you assume that the Bible is just what it appears to be, accept the books as we have them in the Bible as units, study them to know their contents, you will find there a unity of thought indicating that one mind inspired the writing and compilation of the whole series of books. That it bears on its face the stamp of its author. [Yahweh] Himself superintended and directed and dictated the writing of the Bible books."

Many passages attest to the veracity and salvation found in the Word as we have it.

• 2Timothy 3:15: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Messiah Yahshua.

- 2Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of Elohim may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."
- Proverbs 30:5 says every word of Yahweh is flawless, pure, without mistakes. Mistakes happen in translation, not in the original.
- John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Bottom line: we don't need the Apocrypha for salvation.

We are cautioned in Deuteronomy 4:2 and Proverbs 30:6 not to add to or take away from the Word. The consequence of adding to the Word come in a sobering warning in Revelation 22:18: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, Elohim shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

The Apocrypha Add to the Word

Finally, we have the testimony of Yahshua. He said the Scriptures were true and could not be broken. However the Apocrypha was not Scripture to Him.

Because neither the Jews, Yahshua, or His apostles considered these writings part of the inspired Word, and neither should we.





he world can now get back to normal after its annual Christmas bash. When you are asked why you don't celebrate it, you can truthfully say because it's a Catholic holiday and I am not Catholic.

"What do you mean, a Catholic holiday?" they reply. Think about it:

- It is called a mass. Christmas is a contraction of Christ mass. The mass is Catholicism's central act of worship.
- Its mascot, which is worshiped more that the Savior, is Santa, originally he was St. Nicholas, St. Nick was a 4th Century Catholic bishop of Myrna.
- Its date, December 25, was chosen in the 4th century by Pope Julius 1, Bishop of Rome, when the Catholic Church, on its own, decided to keep the birthday of the Savior because there was no command to do so in the Scriptures.

In fact, Christmas was not observed until 300 years after Yahshua's resurrection. Ever since then the world celebrates a Catholic holiday, supposedly as the birthday of the Savior, despite the fact that Yahshua was born a Jew, and not a Catholic.

Space limits me from going deeper into this subject, which we have covered in booklets and online studies. This information will come as a surprise to those who never took a close look into the biggest of holidays. There is real value in taking a closer look at traditions and not blindly following them.

Misnomers Are Legion

Most of us first coming into the Truth got a jolt when we found out the real teaching of the Scriptures. We had been going merrily along knowing only a small fraction of the Word.

At the point of our calling, we were brought up against what we had always assumed the Bible taught.

Our response was: "Why was I never told all of this in church? It changes everything." We hear it from new inquirers all the time.

A number of years ago a book came out called *Shocked by the Bible*—The *Most Astonishing Facts You've Never Been Told*. It reviewed misunderstood truths or facts never talked about in church but are firmly embedded in the Scriptures. Many of these facts are

most profound.

For example:

- Moses did not write the Ten Commandments. It is not the law of Moses but the law of Yahweh.
- Yahshua did not come to make everyone understand His message, and He even said so.
- The Bible never declares the day, month, year, or even season when Yahshua was born. Celebrating His birthday was never commanded, but His Feasts were.
- The Bible does not say Yahshua died on a Friday and rose from the grave Sunday morning (see Matt. 12:40). The time span is three full days and three full nights, which we know does not fit in a Friday afternoon death to Sunday morning resurrection. The word "Easter" appears only in the *King James Version*, Acts 12:4. The word is *pascha*, which is Greek for Passover.
- Noah brought a lot more than just two of each species of animal aboard the Ark, revealing a difference between clean and unclean animals.
- Yahshua made personal appearances in the OLD Testament.

Most of us could say, "You know,

I could have written that book." We at YRM have known and taught these and many more neglected truths for half a century, including the truth of the Sacred Name and annual Feasts.

If all Bible-professing people would only read their Bibles with serious intent and conviction, and then follow what they discover, they would commit to the same key teachings and truths we do. And their knowledge would increase exponentially.

Proverbs 1:7 says the "Fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

The sincere seeker will see amazing harmony in both testaments. Clearly the necessity of obeying Yahweh's statutes is plain throughout. The only way to life everlasting is to diligently walk in Yahshua's footsteps. This amounts to observing the Bible's teachings, not just alleging them.

Instead, week after week most are treated to feel-good fluff and empty calories, and are never held to the standard that Yahweh requires for salvation. Jeremiah 5:31 says, "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Churchianity likes to proceed free of biblical standards. At least that is what we conclude by the popular "faithalone" teaching. But when pressed they will admit they believe in the commandments, too. They just aren't personally bound by them, according to the Calvinistic belief of once saved always saved. You can't have it both ways.

Most want their spiritual destiny on their terms and at their convenience. They want options that don't impact their lives, and at the same time profess that they know and love the Messiah Yahshua.

But that is impossible. Not fol-

lowing the biblical precepts at all times shows that you don't actually believe or want what Yahshua taught and offers by following Him. John wrote in 1John 2:3 that proof that we know Him is keeping His commandments. Proof that we live in Him and dwell in Him is to walk as He walked, 1John 2:6. He was totally obedient to His Father Yahweh in everything. He was without sin.

In this loose thinking (which is man-made and not biblical), one denomination is as good as another. Welcome to the doctrinal smorgasbord where you can pick any fellowship that's convenient without testing its teachings, or just look past any teachings that are not scriptural.

But where does Ephesians 4:4-5 apply when Paul said there is one body, one Master, one faith, one baptism? How can all churches be legitimate when their teachings and beliefs seriously conflict?

Overcoming sin and the pressures of the Adversary is paramount. We do it so that one day we may receive a crown, being worthy to serve Yahshua in the Kingdom forever. This is the purpose for the mandates Yahshua gave.

What You Were Not Told

Here's a list of stunning facts of Scripture. These are 15 bullet points of Bible Truths untaught and never realized by most Bible-professing people:

- Every time you say "halleluyah you are praising the Father's Name ("hallel" is Hebrew for "praise" + Yah, short form of His Name Yahweh).
- Yahshua came in His Father's Name. They share the family name Yah
- The only Bible the Savior and His apostles taught from was the Old Testament. It was their "Scripture."
- The Gospel (Evangel) was preached to the Old Testament patriarch Abraham, Gal. 3:8.
- Grace and love are Old Testament teachings as well.

- Faith is found throughout the Old Testament but it was never "faith alone," a nonexistent term in Scripture.
- The resurrection from the dead is an Old Testament teaching.
- Salvation is first taught in the Old Testament, Exodus 15:2.
- The Holy Spirit was given to many in the Old Testament: Moses, David, Joseph, the prophets, 70 elders, et al.
- Yahweh always wanted obedience instead of animal sacrifices, as found in Jeremiah 7.
- The Sabbath is found in 60 New Testament passages; Sunday doesn't exist anywhere.
- The seventh-day Sabbath exclusively was observed by the Savior and His disciples, Mark 2, Acts 16.
- Every one of the annual Feast days is observed in the New Testament.
- The world will be forced to keep Yahweh's Feast days in the Kingdom, Zechariah 14.
- Christmas, Easter, and Halloween were never observed in the Bible.

Just these few factoids show that there is little difference between Old and New Testament teachings. When you realize this, you see that the two "divisions" of the Bible are not divisions at all. They make one book.

Under Grace, Under the Law

The ultimate goal for the believer's life is completely lost on millions because they were never shown that proper faith, which leads to salvation, has a whole lot more to it than just good feelings and platitudes. It requires the next step. Most, however, are stuck in spiritual kindergarten.

They also don't understand grace. Pointing to Romans 6:14 they say they aren't under the law but under grace. They skip the lead-up to that verse, which is found in 6:12-13. There Paul writes not to let sin reign in your mortal body. Sin is lawbreaking, 1John 3:4.

He follows with, don't yield to unrighteousness, which puts you under sin, but righteousness puts you under Elohim. And if you do that, then you are not under the law, meaning its penalty, because you are found righteous and align with the law's mandates. I'm not under the penalty of breaking the speed limit if I don't speed. Same applies if I follow the commandments. I won't be guilty of law breaking.

Modern clerics want to excuse man's sinful state with the popular phrase, "He loves you." Ostensibly, He's happy with me no matter how I am or behave. But you won't ever hear them clearly defining His love, as in 1John 5:3: "For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Proper motives come with obedience. You might hear, don't displease Yahweh. But how do you displease Him? By violating the standards He set for His people.

The way to gain His love is rejected by most. Read Isaiah 30:9-10: "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Yahweh: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

In other words, don't tell us what convicts us of our sins. Keep giving us more pulpit pablum. Make us feel good about our sinful state by telling us He loves us and then we don't need to change from our iniquitous ways. The message is, He accepts us regardless of our actions.

Newsflash: No, He does not. A hundred verses say we must repent and start living righteously. A hundred living examples show us exactly that throughout the Scriptures.

Isaiah says most don't want the unadulterated Word. Only when they realize that Yahweh must come first in everything will they finally change and honor Him.

At a time when this world desperately needs direction from Yahweh to correct its terminal illnesses, the very opposite is taking place. The Scriptures

are losing their influence.

Data from major polling organizations like Gallup, Pew, and Barna, found that of those who identify as Bible believers – otherwise known as religious people – 75 percent of them don't attend regular worship services. Of the ones who do, 4 out of 10 aren't reading the Bible.

I'm not talking about advanced, top tier devotion, doing things like fasting or joining Bible study groups – these stats measure baseline, fundamental behavior expected of all Bible believers.

Is Ten Percent Too Much?

Take tithing, which is one barometer of sincerity. For most, little speaks louder than the pocketbook. Before I read that statistic ... you know it's going to be brutal... surveys find that fewer than 10 percent of churchgoers give 10 percent or more of their income.

That means that 90 percent fall under the judgment of Malachi 3:8 for robbing Yahweh by withholding what He says is His.

But, in today's environment of high prices, some will say they can't afford to tithe. Yahweh says you can't afford not to. Besides, they never tithed even when things were reasonable and they had healthy bank accounts. Recall the widow who tossed into the offering all she had, including her lunch money.

Once you know the truth and are convicted to live it, you are accountable to obey it—all of it. It can be challenging at times, but the true heart will do nothing less. Do we put Yahweh first? We all can do much better in everything. That's a key teaching of Scripture.

It boils down to this: for most, their religion is all talk, its all about optics, appearances; light on substance. Big hat, no cattle.

Jeremiah prophesied in 5:30, "A wonderful [read astounding] and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what

will you do in the end thereof?" When the rubber meets the road, when push comes to shove, when the final tally is in, where will we be?

Think about the soon-coming day of reckoning. When judgment time comes, how will I stand in the presence of Yahshua the Judge? At that time my life's record will be fixed and there is no changing anything. No do-overs.

Like the rich man who approached Yahshua about salvation in Luke 18. Who then walked away instead of owning up to his coveting problem. Or the ruler in the Lazarus parable. The record of his life was over and there was nothing he could do but face the results.

For every one of us, our life speaks for itself. Now is the time to make it count. Not tomorrow. You may not have tomorrow.

You want to know what's wrong with our nation?

Jeremiah tells us. He writes in 6:16-19: "Thus saith Yahweh, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein [but they want new, perverse paths: abortion, sodomy and transgenderism; minds so seared they reject basic morality and decency] and also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it."

Morality and spiritual standards are being sucked out of today's culture because of a refusal to submit to the Word. That leaves us with:

- wealth without work
- pleasure without conscience
- knowledge without character
- commerce without morality
- politics without principle
- faith without sacrifice

Note what Jeremiah further prophesied, in 6:21-26: "Therefore thus saith Yahweh, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish. [Yahweh's method of choice for punishment was foreign invasion.]

Some are finally waking up to what is happening as prophesied. A few truly hunger for the pure, unadulterated Word and want to be personally active in their faith and spiritually prepared. These are on their way as the few who are chosen.

A remnant seek to return to and obey Yahweh. It is this core group of the faithful who will be the seed for a greater return to truth when Yahshua comes back. It is they who will be found worthy of the first resurrection.

Our one Discover the Truth program that received some of the most response from callers focused on the easily provable fact that the commandments were in force back in Genesis and are still mandated in the New Testament

These happen to be two critical locations where few ever look for the statutes of Yahweh because they have been preconditioned to believe that Yahweh's standards of behavior didn't exist until Sinai, and that once they came into play Yahshua did away with

them in the New Testament.

This ministry brings to the forefront neglected scriptural teachings. Key truths. Salvation truths that are ignored today. We are a restoration ministry with an aim to bringing back and restoring lost and neglected teachings without which the Bible's entire message is virtually eviscerated.

This was prophesied to happen. We are blessed to have a part in it.

Acts 15:16: "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Sovereign, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith Yahweh, who doeth all these things."

In stark contradiction, today's mainstream worship features key New Testament people – racially and religiously Hebrews – given Gentile-Greek ways and worship.

This fact should cry out to any Bible believer, "Hey, this is serious confusion." The entire trajectory of Scripture has been redirected.

Wouldn't it be enlightening to resurrect the New Testament Apostles and plop them down in today's church pew, and watch their reaction?

Clearly they would be aghast. How did I end up in this Greco-Roman place with its Romish statuary and stained

glass sun veneration?

No doubt they would say, "What I'm hearing from the pulpit sounds like Marcion's extreme disdain for the Old Testsment and the Gnostic Simon Magus making merchandise of the truth."

Being that the only Bible the Apostles had was the Old Testament, they would wonder why they never hear that New Testament passages support Old Testament teachings, and vice-versa (there are hundreds of them!).

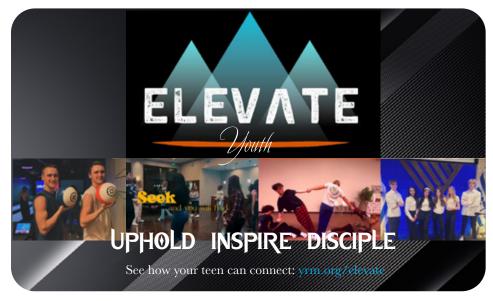
- Why aren't the lessons of obedience first taught in the Old Testament being passed on today?
- Peter and Paul would wonder: Why aren't Yahweh's fundamental commandments and statutes being taught at all? This is worship without substance.
- How come the biblical Holy Days are never mentioned? We apostles observed them all!
- And what is this evergreen tree doing in the vestibule and why are candy eggs out on the church lawn?

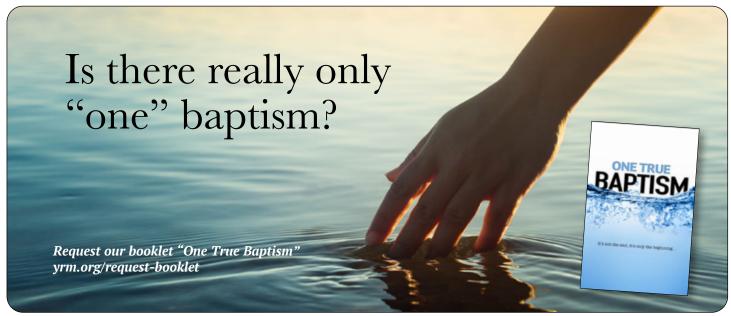
I can only imagine the Apostle Paul walking up to a cleric wearing his backward collar and robe with chevrons on the sleeve and telling him to take a seat while he proceeds to school him about what the New Testament really teaches.

The Apostle Paul would likely repeat what he said in Acts 24:14: "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets."

And he would say Yahshua backs him up in Luke 16:31 where He said: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

He might even quote John in 1John 2:7: "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning."





Paul and the other apostles fell asleep in death, assured that they had delivered the whole counsel of Yahweh. If they were to wake up today they would be shocked not by the Bible, but by what is being taught about the Bible.

Yahshua said in Luke 4:4 that we must live by every word of Yahweh. No one has the authority to cut out two-thirds of the Scriptures and say it has no relevance in the New Testament age.

Lack of knowledge opened the door to these false ideas. People did not study Yahweh's Word, but accepted whatever the "church" said.

Many Changes and Additions

We have the same problem today. All kinds of transformations occurred in the first several hundred years since Yahshua's resurrection. This time saw the origin of the adoration of Mary, a take-off of the pagan feast in honor of the goddess of spring, Proserpine.

The church instituted a feast to the virgin Mary on the same day as the feast of Proserpine, making it convenient for the pagans to switch over.

Also, in order to draw in the pagans, new practices and teachings were added as the Roman church expanded into heathen nations. These included:

- penance and purgatory
- sprinkling in baptism
- the baptism of children

- the mass
- the sign of the cross
- image worship
- saint worship
- holy water
- Christmas
- Easter
- immortal soul
- ever-burning hell
- indulgences, and much more.

None of these are scriptural or commanded.

All of the rites and traditions that have become commonplace for centuries have deceived billions into believing that this is what the Bible is all about. No wonder they are shocked by its truths when they find out there is nothing supporting countless church traditions. A long history is not proof of truth. Just because the corner church has stood for 200 years does not mean it teaches truth or is biblically sanctioned. The Roman church has stood for 2,000 years in apostasy.

Paul predicted it. He told Timothy that the day will come when people will be unable to handle truth, 2Tim. 4:3: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Well, that didn't

take long.

Zephaniah 3:8 says Yahweh will ultimately have the last word.

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith Yahweh, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy."

Zechariah 3:11 reads, "In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain."

Yahweh will remove the arrogant lawbreakers who are dominating our world today. With His righteous government in place populations will be humble and pliable and all will either honor Yahweh or they will be gone.

Those who can't understand why we see the Scriptures as clearly as we do are blinded by 2,000 years of faulty, entrenched traditions. We challenge them to open up the Scriptures and discover these truths for themselves. Then they will understand and come to know Yahweh, just as their ancestors did.

We Need More Space! Will You Help?

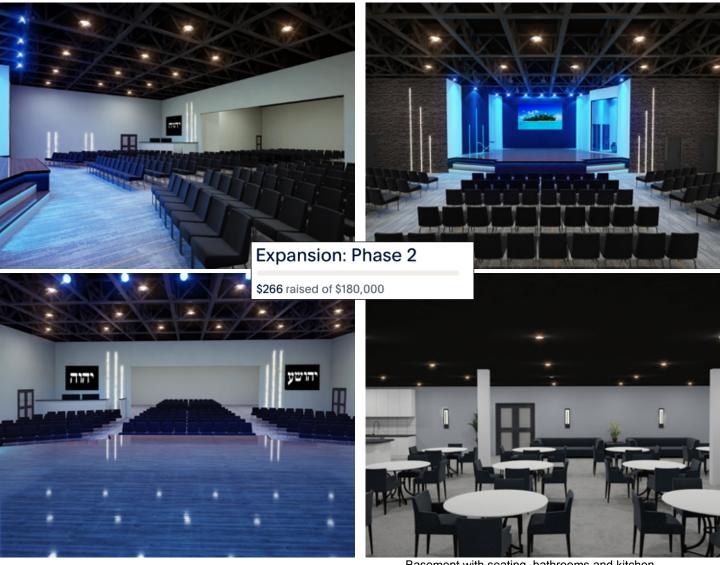
urrently, our meeting hall is no longer adequate. We are forced to split our congregation between the meeting hall and ✓ fellowship hall for services (especially during the Feasts). Those in the fellowship hall must resort to watching a video feed. Our stage is far too small for our music ministry as well as our audio control booth. We outgrew both some time ago. We also do not have the room for children's classes or dining during the Feasts. Storage is also a big problem. We have a solution that has been planned for our current footprint. We are planning to expand our meeting hall (removing the back wall) and use our current sanctuary for expanded dining. Our current meeting hall will be an intermediate zone between fellowship and the new meeting area, allowing for use of each. With this expansion, we will also have a basement, which will allow our children's class to meet downstairs with more than enough space. We have several members who are skilled in construction and contracting. Some of the construction will be subbed out as well.

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Which of the following are true about the January 1 New Year's holiday?

- **A.** It honors the Roman god Janus.
- **B.** It was established by the Julian and Gregorian calendars.
- C. It became the Roman Catholic feast of (Messiah's) circumcision.
- D. All of these

Julius Roman Emperor Caesar instituted January 1 on the old Julian calendar as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake Janus, the Roman god of change and beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back at the past and forward into the future. In 1582 Pope Gregory also made January 1 the start of the year on his Gregorian calendar. Prior to the Gregorian calendar's revisions, however, the church also recognized the pagan roots of January 1 new year's, and a Council of Tours in 755 CE recommended that the new year should start at Easter. The church eventually justified the choice of the January 1 date as the eighth-day circumcision (starting Dec. 25) of the Messiah, Correct: D

Which prophet speaks about the valley of dry bones?

- A. Isaiah
- **B.** Ezekiel
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Daniel

In the 37th chapter Ezekiel provides a description of the resurrection through his vision of the valley of dry bones. He also speaks about the restoration of Judah and Israel along with David's reign in the millennial Kingdom. Correct: B

Who confirms that "sin is the transgression of the law"?

- A. Moses
- B. David
- C. John
- D. Peter

While most would assume that such a statement is found in the Old Testament, the truth is, it's a New Testament passage. In 1John 3:4 the apostle states, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." The fact that sin exists means that the law also must exist. As the Apostle Paul states in Romans 4:15. "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is. there is no transgression."

Correct: C

How many years was Judah in **Babylonian captivity?**

- **A.** 490
- **B.** 30
- **C**. 70
- **D.** 100

Judah was in Babylonian captivity for 70 years, a year for every land Sabbatical they neglected to keep. For 490 years they disobeved the command to let the land rest every seven years, so Yahweh removed them from the land through captivity into Babylon. The prophecy concerning this is found in 2Chronicles 36:21: "To fulfil the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfill threescore and ten years." In addition to neglecting the Sabbatical. Judah also fell into apostasy and refused to repent for her actions.

Correct: C

Where did Jeroboam place a golden calf?

- A. Bethel
- B. Dan
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Both A and B

After the death of Solomon, Israel was split into two kingdoms - the northern kingdom led by General Jeroboam and the southern kingdom led by Rehoboam, Solomon's son. To prevent the 10 northern tribes from returning to Rehoboam, Jeroboam created a replacement observance for the Feast of Tabernacles. Instead of worshiping Yahweh in the seventh month, he proclaimed a Feast in the eighth month. He also erected golden calves in Dan and Bethel. The Bible also notes that he made priests from the lowest of the people (see 1Kings 12 for more information). Interestingly, we find many parallels between Jeroboam's counterfeit worship and the actions of today's church. In the same way that Jeroboam created worship foreign to Scripture, nominal worship does the same. Much of this deviation is motivated by a desire to escape anything "Jewish" and to make the church more amenable to pagan gentiles. This explains the acceptance of Sunday worship and many of today's church holidays, which are all rooted in pagan worship. Correct: D

Both the weekly Sabbath and annual high days prohibit commerce.

- A. True
- B. False

These days are sanctified; no business is allowed on them, Nehemiah 10:31. Correct: A

What was Athanasius' main argument in support of the Trinity?

- A. Only G-d can atone for man's sins.
- **B.** The Hebrew word for G-d, i.e., Elohim, expresses a plurality.
- **C.** Yahshua in the book of John confirms that He and the Father are one.
- **D.** In Matthew, the Messiah confirms that baptism is in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria, was the main advocate for the Trinity. He argued that for the Messiah to atone for man's sins, He and the Father had to be of the same substance along with being co-equal and coeternal. In other words, He had to be G-d. Athanasius "insisted that Christ had existed from all eternity with the Father and was of the same essence (homoousios) as the Father, although He was a distinct personality. He insisted upon these things because he believed that, if Christ were less than He had stated Him to be, He could not be the Savior of men. The question of man's eternal salvation was involved in the relationship of the Father and the Son according to Athanasius. He held that Christ was coequal, coeternal and consubstantial with the Father ... " (Christianity Through the Centuries. pp. 142-143). Besides faulty human reasoning, the issue with the Trinity is that Scripture clearly reveals that the Father is superior to the Son and the Father and Son are not co-eternal. For more, read our booklet, *Identifying* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Which of these sequential events is chronologically correct?

- **A.** Rapture, Yahshua's Second Coming, New Jerusalem
- **B.** Yahshua's Second Coming, Millennium, New Jerusalem
- **C.** New Jerusalem, Yahshua's Second Coming, Millennium
- **D.** Rapture, Millennium, Yahshua's Second Coming

The correct order is Yahshua's Coming, the Millennium, and New Jerusalem. It's also important to note that the Great White Throne Judgment (aka, Second Resurrection) occurs at the end of the millennial Kingdom, Revelation 20:11-15, and before New Jerusalem, Revelation 21-22. The rapture is not a biblical doctrine.

Correct: B

Why should we observe the seven annual biblical Feasts?

- A. Yahweh commands that we observe them
- **B.** They offer prophetic lessons into Yahweh's plan of salvation
- **C.** Yahshua and the apostles observed them in the New Testament
- **D**. All of the above

We are to observe the Feasts because Yahweh commands it (Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 16), they offer prophetic insight (Colossians 2:16-17), and Yahshua along with His apostles observed them (Matthew 26; Mark 14; John 7:2, 37; Acts 12:3; Acts 2:1; 20:6, 16; 1Corinthians 5:8; 16:7). In addition

to these reasons, we know all flesh will observe the Sabbath and yearly Feasts in the millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 66:23; Ezekiel 45-46; Zechariah 14:16). Those who ignore these days not only violate the divine command, but are also missing out on the blessings and special understanding that these days offer to those who obediently follow them. *Correct: D*

According to the Apostle Paul, what gift is a sign only for the unbeliever?

- A. Tongues
- B. Wisdom
- C. Prophecy
- D. Healing

Paul in 1Corinthians 14:22 states, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying [inspired teaching] serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." The gift of tongues was used as a method of conversion, as with the 3,000 being immersed in the second chapter of Acts and Acts 19:5-6. The Bible refers to several gifts of the Spirit. It confirms that all the gifts proceed from the Holy Spirit and are given for the growth and betterment of the assembly or body of Messiah. This is why Paul in 1Corinthians 12:7 states that the gifts are to "profit withal." For a listing of the gifts of the Spirit, see Romans 12 and 1Corinthians 12. To learn more about the gift of Tongues, see our booklet, Tongues of Fire.

Correct: A

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Correct: A



I have never seen the Savior's Name "Yahshua" before, but always "Yeshua." Is it just a transliteration difference and does it matter?

A Yeshua in Hebrew means "he will save," while Yahshua means "Yah will save."

Yahshua Himself said: "I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive," John 5:43. In a prophecy of an Angel bringing Israel into the Promised Land (which was actually the Son), Yahweh tells Israel, "Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him," Exodus 23:21.

The four letters of the Hebrew Tetragrammaton, YHWH, spell out "Yahweh." The first two spell "Yah," not "Yeh." Note in Psalm 68:4 in the KJV that the short form of the Father's Name is Yah, not Yeh. (There was no J in the Hebrew language, therefore the J in the KJV came later.)

No Hebrew authority, scholar, or reference we know of calls the Heavenly Father "Yehweh." It follows that the Son's Name cannot be "Yehshua" or "Yeshua," being that He came in Yahweh's Name.

When the Masoretes vowel pointed the Hebrew to preserve the pronunciation, they inserted a *shewa* (eh) instead of the proper *qamets* (ah) to conceal the sacred, family Name "Yah." Moses prefixed the name Yah to Oshea (Joshua) or more correctly, Yahshua. Yah is the family name of the Most High, which is shared by many patriarchs such as EliYah (Elijah), Yahel (Joel), JeremiYah, IsaYah, and ZechariYah.

There is a big difference between Yeshua and Yahshua. Yeshua does not mean "Salvation of Yah" as does Yahshua.



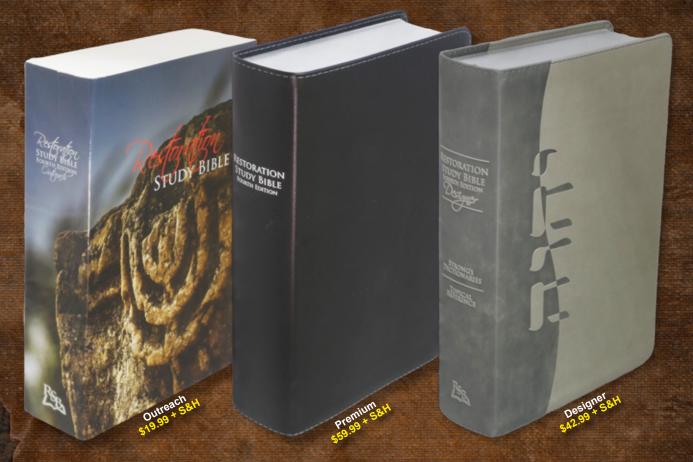
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The Ticking Clock

Urgency fills the air as we enter the secular year of 2024. Our nation is being transformed before our eyes. Society is morally and spiritually deteriorating as enemies encroach.

The way is being prepared for a Beast system when the man of sin will rule the entire world (Rev. 13) just before Yahshua returns and brings this earth under His control. But not before His people undergo trials and persecution that will test the strength of every spiritual fiber.

How strong is your commitment to Yahweh? When prophecy is transformed from pages in Scripture to actual events happening right on your doorstep, will you hold up under the assault?

Will you have the spiritual fortitude, built and strengthened by many years of overcoming and faithful obedience, to stand firm against the severest tests anyone could ever undergo? If it means you must stand alone as a voice in the wilderness, with no one but Yahshua standing unseen by your side, will you stand firm (Rev. 2:26) even if it means the ultimate sacrifice?

Now is the time for complete obedience to the Word. Are you keeping HIS Feast days instead of man's holidays? If not, resolve now to make a change. Don't wait until its too late to show Yahweh your loyalty. Take time to study His Word and then live it. Time is of the essence.

"I believe your teachings and have, long before I found you. I have one question: Who do you believe is the racial lineage of Israel? I whole-heartedly believe it is the Anglo/Germanic/Nordic people of NW European descent." -PM

It is likely that the lost 10 tribes went north into the Caucasus between the Black and Caspian Seas. From there they would have spread to Europe. Paul ministered to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt. 10:6) and his four ministerial trips took him north and west, ultimately to Rome and maybe beyond.- ED

"You are the only ones I've heard to this point who teach scripture in its entirety and I respect your opinions and believe you would be wise counsel (Prov. 11:14)." – **CS**

"I thank Yahweh for this ministry. I found you folks years back when I came across "Discover the Truth" on TV. I hope you will create more of these programs and get them out to as many people as possible. You have helped to open my eyes to many truths that I would not have known otherwise. I hope more ministries such as yours will spring up and flourish in our nation and around the world. I wish that you were

located closer to me so that I would be able to attend Sabbath services. I hope and pray that you will continue to focus on teaching true worship. Most especially, that the Old Testament and the New Testament are simply one book that holds the same truths, and the same plan for salvation. Almost no one understands this today, and the people that I speak to about it generally reject it outright. So much teaching is needed on this." – **GG**

"I really appreciate your covering the Apocrypha and several other books in the Nov.-Dec. *Restoration Times*. For some reason people are flocking to so many of these different writers without testing their validity. So thanks again, well done."

We are witnessing an increasing dilution of the Scriptures and the popularizing of pagan writings and foreign religions. This is what happens when a biblical culture starts to collapse, as seen repeatedly in the Word. When Israel left Yahweh they took up the faith and practices of foreign peoples. The golden calf incident at Sinai is just one example. Paul warned in 1Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." -ED

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